

Ford 'Abhors' Death Plots

Kissinger Trusts

CIA—On a Leash

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Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said yesterday he is positive the Central Intelligence Agency can be stopped from plotting assassinations, but recommended that the agency continue other covert operations under stronger controls.

A White House spokesman said President Ford "abhors government officials being involved" in any such plots and "has in mind his own plans" to keep it from happening again.

The comments came in response to the Senate Intelligence Committee's report Thursday disclosing implication of U.S. government officials in plots to kill foreign leaders.

KISSINGER insisted the United States played no part in the 1973 coup that killed Chile's President Salvador Allende, but he declined to discuss publicly the Senate committee report that President Richard M. Nixon ordered the CIA, in Kissinger's presence, to stop Allende from coming to power in 1970.

White House press secretary Ronald Nessen said Ford saw no reason to fire Kissinger or Ambassador to Iran Richard Helms, former CIA director, because of anything disclosed in the report of CIA assassination and coup plots. He said the President "has forbidden officials in his administration" from being involved in those kinds of things.

Kissinger said he strongly favors congressional oversight of covert CIA activities and a closer relationship between the legislative oversight bodies and the executive branch committees charged with controlling secret CIA operations.

Critics claim the existing congressional oversight panels have not done their jobs. There have also been suggestions the CIA should be taken out of the "dirty tricks" business entirely and left to collect and evaluate intelligence.

The assassination report said three such CIA covert operations — in the Dominican Republic, South Vietnam and Chile — led to the murder of national leaders even where the United States had not sought their deaths.

It also said that Nixon ordered a massive CIA effort to block Allende's rise to power in 1970 and that Kissinger — who has told Congress the CIA played only "a minor role" in Chile that year — was present when Nixon gave that order.

THE REPORT said the 1970 plot led to the murder of Chile's commander in chief, Gen. Rene Schneider, by CIA-backed insurgents acting independently, but Kissinger declined yesterday to give reporters his version of the affair.

"I have testified at great length before the committee," he said. "They have the full record of these operations and I don't think it appropriate for me to get into more public discussion."

Nessen noted that files on U.S. involvement in plotting foreign assassinations had been turned over to the Justice Department for whatever action it considers necessary.

Kissinger testified at a closed session of the Senate committee on the need for covert operations as a complement to foreign policy. He spoke briefly with reporters afterwards.

Asked whether CIA assassination plots — such as the attempts outlined in the report to murder Fidel Castro and Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba — could be stopped, he replied: "I'm positive it can be stopped."

HE SAID he briefed the intelligence panel yesterday on "the general problem of the control of covert actions, their purpose and relation to national policy."

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Students Disrupt

Trustees at MSU

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The regular meeting of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees was disrupted yesterday by students protesting a possible tuition increase and CIA recruiting on campus, witnesses said.

The meeting, which normally lasts up to three hours, was cut short after about 10 minutes when trustees could not conduct business above the heckling of some of the 75-100 protestors, witnesses said.